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THE AMBASSADOR IN JAPAN (GREW) TO THE SECRETARY
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Excerpt

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8. The Minister on his own initiative then turned to the subject of the so-called "South Sea advance" and made to me the following confidential oral statement:

"We understand that, since the military occupation of Hainan Island by Japan and the placing of the Sennan Gunto (Spratly Islands) under the jurisdiction of the Formosan Government General, rumors have spread, giving the impression as though Japan entertained some territorial designs toward the South Seas; that as a result certain interested countries are apprehensive, and that even some Americans have a similar apprehension with regard to the Philippines. The Japanese Government consider it regrettable from the standpoint of Japanese-American friendship that such apprehension has been aroused. They are, therefore prepared, if the United States Government should desire that some step be taken by the Japanese Government for the purpose of dispelling such apprehension, to enter into conversation with the United States Government."

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駐日大使（ブルー）ヨリ 國務長官犯

東京發 一九三九年（昭和十四年）五月十八日午後七時

五月十八日午前十時三分 受信

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八、大臣、自ラ諸題ヲ所謂海洋進出問題ニ轉シ、口頭テ次
ノ如キ機密、陳述シタ。

「日本軍、西南島占領以来又新南洋貿易ノドドリ
群島（臺灣總督、管轄下）遺イテ以来、日本が恰モ南
洋ニ領土的野心ヲ抱イテ居ル、如キ印象ヲ與ヘル事
擴がり、其結果、或利害關係ヲ有スル國々ハ危惧、念
ヲ抱キ、尚米國人、中サヘモ、此島ニ關シテ同様、懸念
ヲ有スル者があるトク我々ハ知リテ居リス。日本政府ハ
此、様子懸念ヲ生セシメタコト、日米親善、立場ヲラ
遺憾ニ思リテ居リス。」レ故此、斯カル懸念ヲ拭
ヒタル為ニ、日本政府ニ於テ何等かノ手段ヲ講ハルコト
コ合衆國政府が希望スルナラバ、何時モ合衆國政府
ト會談スル用意ガアリス。

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